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## **GO-Biz Releases Briefing on New Business Incentives Included** in Governor Brown's Economic Development Initiative

**SACRAMENTO** – The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) today issued a detailed briefing outlining the new incentives included in the Governor's Economic Development Initiative which was signed into law earlier today by Governor Brown.

The complete GO-Biz briefing on the *Governor's Economic Development Initiative* is available <a href="here">here</a>.

GO-Biz director Kish Rajan joined Governor Brown at the signing ceremony in San Diego and hailed the initiative as a huge leap forward.

"California's economy has been coming back strong over the past year," said Rajan. "The Governor's action increases that momentum and puts our foot on the accelerator for economic development in the Golden State. The tools in the Governor's Economic Development Initiative will make California more competitive, drive capital investment across our state and help create real, high quality jobs."

The new incentives includes a sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing, biotech and R&D, a long-term unemployed tax credit for areas of high unemployment and poverty, and a recruitment and retention incentive to attract new companies to California and expand existing companies. GO-Biz will administer the recruitment and retention incentive known as the California Competes tax credit.

The new programs redirect roughly \$750 million annually from the inefficient Enterprise Zone program to statewide business incentives. All three programs are

proposed to start in 2014. Current earned Enterprise Zone credits would stay in place for 10 years. Additional state economic incentives such as the Employment Training Panel, the Research and Development tax credit will continue to be available to businesses – even in combination with the new incentives.

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more. For more information visit: <a href="https://www.business.ca.gov">www.business.ca.gov</a>.

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